

# California Digital Newspaper Collection

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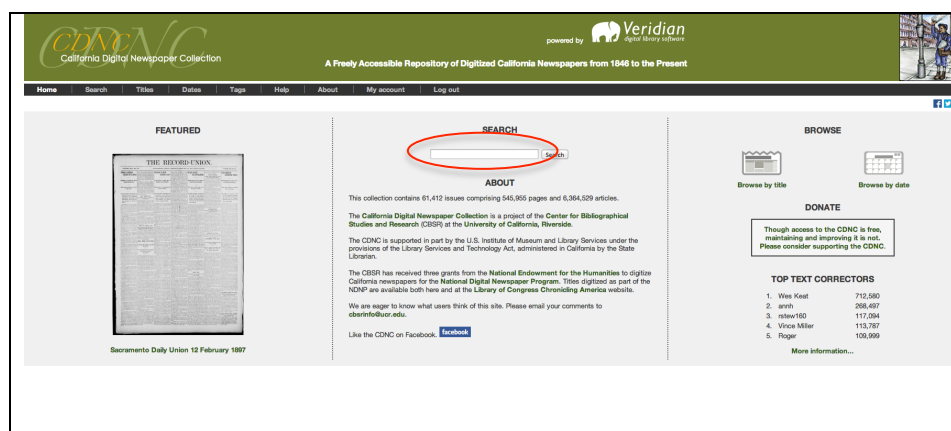
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### About the California Digital Newspaper Collection

The California Digital Newspaper Collection contains over 500,000 pages of significant historical California newspapers published from 1846-1922, including the first California newspaper, the Californian, and the first daily California newspaper, the Daily Alta California.

- Search by a person's name, or browse by newspaper title or date.
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- The history of several of the major newspapers can be found under "Other Documents".
- The website also includes issues of several current (2000-2012) California newspapers that are part of a pilot project to preserve and provide access to contemporary papers.



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Start by searching for unique surnames/names using the simple search on the landing page.

- "Exact string"
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